



Executive Officer's Report

1. Governor's Executive Order

- Travel Restrictions – On April 26, 2011, Governor Brown issued Executive Order B-06-11 specifying that discretionary travel is prohibited. All in-state non-discretionary travel must be approved by the Agency Secretary. Travel must be mission critical and be directly related to: enforcement responsibilities, auditing, revenue collection, or a function required by statute, contract or executive directive. In addition, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Acting Director, Brian Stiger, must approve the designated staff attending out-of-town board meetings which includes a justification for their attendance. The Department of Finance will be issuing a Budget Letter to clarify what travel is permissible. In the meantime, the May 2011 Board Meeting was approved as scheduled. The Board will need to obtain approval for the September and November 2011 Board Meetings. Also, outreach events (i.e., serving as Keynote Speakers at School Graduations or speaking at professional organization conventions, etc.) are not allowed.

2. State and Consumer Services Agency (SCSA)

- New Agency Secretary – On April 19, 2011, Governor Brown announced that he had appointed Anna Caballero as Secretary of the SCSA. Secretary Caballero has a long history of serving the citizens of California, including: representing the 28th District in the California Assembly; she was executive director of a nonprofit specializing in violence prevention work; serving as mayor of Salinas; she served on the Salinas City Council, and she held various other positions which utilized her law degree.

3. Board Member Update

- Vacant Positions – There are currently three vacant board members positions – one (1) Licensed Vocational Nurse member and two (2) public members. Anyone interested in serving on the Board should contact the Governor's Appointment Secretary or go to the Governor's website.

4. Education Division Update

	VN Program	PT Program	Totals
#Accredited Programs	200	15	215
#Approved Programs	3	1	4
Total Programs:	203	16	219
#Proposed Programs	104	10	114

- Submission of New Proposals and School Materials for Nursing Education Consultant's Review – The Board asks for your cooperation when submitting new proposals and other materials to your consultant. Please work with your consultant to establish mutually agreeable deadlines.

Due to the 80% shortage of consultant staff, the Board projects that new proposals may take at least twelve (12) months or longer for review, depending on the quality and completeness of the proposal.

The Board thanks you for your cooperation and understanding.

5. Examination Update – Current Fiscal Year to Date

- Examination Development – On March 7, 2011, the Board and the Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) convened the second 2011 Psychiatric Technician Item Review Conference. Goals of this conference included: review, analysis, and revision of new try-out examination items to address identified deficiencies in the item bank; and review, analysis, and revision of scoreable items with performance statistics inconsistent with Board-approved parameters for inclusion in the Psychiatric Technician Item Bank.
- Examination Statistics - Current Calendar Year to Date (1/1/11 to 3/31/11)

	VN Program	PT Program
Average Annual Pass Rate for First-Time Graduates	80%	79%
Overall Pass Rate	64%	61%
Total# of First-Time Graduates Tested Year to Date:	2,624	140

6. Licensing Update

- Online License Renewal Project – The Board is moving forward with implementation of the “Online License Renewal Payment Service” project. On January 28, 2011, the Board officially requested to be included in this project. The Board will be required to pay 2% for the credit card transaction fee (\$3 for VN Renewals and \$6 for PT Renewals) and the licensee must pay a \$1 convenience fee. The credit card payment is strictly limited to license renewals that are paid for online. It cannot be used for any other payments. On April 14, 2011, the DCA Accounting Office indicated that it is waiting for the final agreement between Official Payment Corp (OPC) and the credit card processing company. In the meantime, the DCA Accounting Office and the DCA Office of Information Systems will begin the process of setting up the Board’s account and website requirements to minimize the lag time between the agreement and start up.

7. Liaison Activities

- Senator Curren D. Price, Jr. – On March 3, 2011, President John Vertido and Teresa Bello-Jones met with Senator Price, Chair of the Senate Business, Professions &

Economic Development (BP&ED) Committee at his Capitol office to discuss sunset review issues and possible legislation that would be of benefit to the Board.

- DCA Conference Call – On March 8, 2011, April 12, 2011, and May 10, 2011, President John Vertido participated in the monthly conference calls with other Board and Bureau presidents and chiefs from within DCA.
- California Association of Psychiatric Technicians (CAPT) – On March 9, 2011, President John Vertido, Teresa Bello-Jones and Cheryl Anderson met with representatives of CAPT to discuss scope of practice issues impacting PTs.
- Sunset Review Hearing – On March 14, 2011, President John Vertido, Board Member Todd D'Braunstein, Executive Officer Teresa Bello-Jones, Assistant Executive Officer Marina Okimoto, Supervising Nursing Education Consultant Cheryl Anderson, and Enforcement Division Chief Angelina Martin appeared before the Senate BP&ED Committee to give testimony in support of the continuing value of the Board to the consumers of California.
- DCA Enforcement Academy – On March 18, 2011, President John Vertido was a panel member at DCA's Enforcement Academy. The purpose of the panel was to bring together approximately 65 Enforcement staff from the various boards and bureaus within DCA to listen to a guided discussion between key board members to discuss their experiences in making decisions regarding disciplinary actions against licensees.
- Senate BP&ED Meeting – On March 25, 2011, Teresa Bello-Jones and Angelina Martin met with Senate BP&ED consultants to discuss proposed legislation (i.e., SB 544) which contains enforcement changes for healing arts boards.
- Licensed Vocational Nurses League of California (LVNLC) – On April 7, 2011, President John Vertido addressed the LVNLC Convention in Sacramento. The topic of his speech was "Positive Thoughts + Positive Action = Positive Results."
- California Vocational Nurse Educators (CVNE) Spring Conference – On April 15, 2011, President John Vertido addressed the attendees of the CVNE Spring Conference. The topic of his speech was "Strengthening A Vocational Nurse Education Program: Improving Pass Rates, Classroom Instruction and Clinical Experiences."

8. Personnel Update

- Freeze Exemptions – The Board has been working with the DCA Budget Office to obtain a freeze exemption for positions within the Enforcement Division, the Licensing Division and the Education Division. The requests are pending SCSA review and approval.
- In-House Promotions
 - Marilyn Kimble, Enforcement Manager (Disciplinary Unit), effective 5/1/2011.
 - Amy Wyckoff, Associate Governmental Program Analyst (Disciplinary Unit), effective 5/1/2011.

- Vacancies – Due to the State Hiring Freeze, the Board currently has 32 positions vacant or a 38% vacancy rate. Efforts to recruit from within the DCA has not proven successful. In the meantime, several Board employees were offered jobs at other DCA Boards and will be transferring on the following dates:

- Sheila Keechel, Enforcement Analyst, transferring to the Dental Board effective 5/12/2011.
- Jane Kreidler, Enforcement Analyst, transferring to the Contractors Board effective 5/16/2011.
- Theresa Morales, Cashier, transferring to the Pharmacy Board effective 6/1/2011.

Therefore, the Board's vacancy rate will increase to 42% by 6/1/2011 (i.e., 35 vacant positions out of 84 total positions).

9. Sunset Review Update

- Senate Bill 539 – On February 17, 2011, Senator Curren Price introduced SB 539 which will extend the existence of the Board until January 1, 2016. On April 25, 2011, the bill was amended to include provisions relative to mandatory reporting and change in terminology from accredit to approve in regards to the Board's accreditation of VN and PT Programs.

10. Other Important Issues

- Customer Service Surveys – The Board distributes a "Customer Service Survey" to solicit feedback regarding how the the Board is accomplishing its mission and goals. The information is used to develop the Board's Strategic Plan and is included in the our Sunset Review Reports. Please complete the survey form and leave it on the table at the back of the room. We are very interested in obtaining any recommendations you can make regarding improving effectiveness.

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